

Welcome to

# The Church of *Saint Luke*

A Roman Catholic Community of Disciples

First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2015



I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. — *Jeremiah*



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.*

Lk 21:25-28

**Reflection:**

Reflect upon/Think about how you would act if you were alive at the end of time? Will you be looking forward to the fullness of redemption or possibly fearing retribution? Are you ready now to stand erect and raise your head?

## Mission Statement

The Church of St. Luke is a joyful, welcoming, caring, active family of believers striving to grow in knowledge of and love for God and each other. Challenged by the Word, nurtured by the Eucharist, and enlivened by the Spirit, we seek to live the message of Jesus in serving the needs of others both within our Parish and in the larger community.

## Masses

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 7:30 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm

(Also by appointment)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Fax: (619) 442-2293





## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Daniel Donovan, Gilbert Fleitas, Jim Liddell, Katherine Boomer, Sherri Laird, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, Bill Ferreira, Adelaide Fitzwater, Karen Marie Moscar, Candace Solorzano, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Jim Carver, Vie Liddell, George Serban, Olivia Dunn, Elda Iavelli, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Tony Gonzales, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Matthew Chu, Petra Gallegos, Bob Weisham, Frank Asaro, Teri Harrison, Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Seragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, Geri McCabe, Rose Camacho, Ray Camacho, Maria Oliver, Al Oliver, Tommy Collet Sr., John Lawton, Justin Hughes, Clara Morrison, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitiquit, Gregory S., Joan Hall, Lucy Renko, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet Jr., Thomas Baca, Chuck Moore, Eugene Cuomo, Gui Mei Guo, Audrianna Lococo, Mario Ingargiola, Karl Viederstein, Carey Moore, John Morrison, Maria Teresa Valquez, Nancy Samayoa, JoAnne Morse, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry McMullin, Pam Oates, Mary Morrison, Laura Allen & Family, Ryan Waters, Sam Attisha, Debra Burke, Angelo Scardina, Andrew Mearm, Marco Antonio Peter Spinali, Karen Mays, Judy Nickell, Brett Harris, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Michael Milnick, Rosemary Lowe, Hayden Remington, The Hill Family, Connie Bowen, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Kruer Jones, Zaim Attisha, Laura Lee, Teresa Russo, Lillian Peregud; and all our relatives and friends who are sick.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST:** If you would like to add a name to our prayer list please contact Nancy Adema. *By the same token please notify Nancy when a name can be removed.* We appreciate the prompt notification and your cooperation.

## PARISH FINANCES

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to collect an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Some weeks may be higher and some lower but we need to maintain that average. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program.

The total amount budgeted through these sources is \$660,095 this year. Our budget includes another \$106,384 expected income from other sources; (Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, Christmas & Easter collections, Sacramental Donations, Interest, One-time gifts & bequests, etc.).

**LAST WEEK:** Totals for 11/22/2015  
Not available at time of printing

**Plate:** \$  
**Envelope:** \$  
**Total Collection Basket:** \$  
**Online Giving October:** \$ 11,291.67

**SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH:** *Once you've made a decision on how much you should be giving, decide how to give.*

**WAYS TO GIVE:** You can use envelopes, as many people do, you can set up automatic donations through your Bank, (forms available in the parish office), you can go to Online Giving on the St. Luke website and set up an online giving plan which you can personally manage or call the parish office to arrange an online giving plan administered by the parish Business Manger. <https://stlukeelcajon.weshareonline.org/>  
Online Giving Link: <http://thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com/>  
Click on: Online Giving in the center of subject bar.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE SOUL OF:** Vince Ursini, Patrick Egan, Emilio Morfin

**Baptism:** Gabriella Reyes

**Wedding:** Mynor & Francia Pinillos

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

Tom & Nia Olinger	35 yrs
David & Edean Condit	29 yrs
Greg & Sallie Saltzman	25 yrs
Mike & Marie Hickey	4 yrs

*If you would like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin please*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1

Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday:** 5:00pm Bruno & Margaret Bubis RIP

**Sunday:** 9:00am Charles & Catherine Toy RIP  
11:30am Parishioners of Saint Luke

**Tuesday:** 5:00pm James Schmand RIP

**Wednesday:** 7:30am Janet Horba RIP

**Thursday:** 7:30am Joy Boucher (Spec int)

**Friday:** 7:30am Joy Boucher (Spec Int)

**Saturday:** 5:00pm Michaelangelo Casarrubia RIP

**Sunday:** 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Luke  
11:30am Karolyn Gallagher RIP

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**TODAY:** First Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** St. Andrew

**Tuesday:** World AIDS Day

**Wednesday:** Advent Weekday

**Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier

**Friday:** St. John of Damascus; First Friday

**Saturday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called "penal" days, extending from 1691 to the "Catholic Emancipation" in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Blanket Drive



It is time again for the blanket drive for the less fortunate people in Tijuana.

There are recent difficulties crossing donations to Mexico. Due to this recent obstacle, the decision was made that it would be more efficient to receive monetary donations and purchase the blankets in Tijuana.

A donation of **\$8.00** can buy a warm new blanket! Cash donations and checks made out to **Friends of the Poor** may be placed in a marked envelope and put in the collection plate. You may also bring or send your donation to the parish office at: 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. For more information please call

Martha Evans



Mark your calendar!

**Come help decorate the church for Christmas on Monday – December 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8am.**

**With many hands we will be done about noon  
We need men and women  
no experience necessary.**

**We need help decorating  
the Angel tree, hanging and fluffing wreaths,  
Setting up trees and generally making the  
Church ready for Christmas!**

**Lunch will be provided.  
if you can help:  
Email Vicky Cate**

## *Saint Luke Advent*

### **Reconciliation Service**

**Do Your Spiritual  
Housecleaning.  
All Are Invited  
To Our  
Parish Community  
Reconciliation Service  
on**

**December 10, 2015**

**7pm**



## *Start Your Holiday Shopping Now*

**The stores have already started...  
why can't we?**

**PRE-ORDER** your gift cards now.

This will ensure that you get the  
cards that you want for your  
Christmas shopping.

You'll have them in your wallet  
when you're ready to shop.

## **Poinsettia Memoriams**



Poinsettias beautifully decorate our church on  
Christmas and are a special way to remember  
loved ones, both living and deceased.

Donation for small poinsettias are \$25.00,  
medium \$50.00 and large \$150.00.

**Envelopes are available in the pews or  
on the side tables in the Baptistry.**

For more info call the parish office at 442-1697.

## *Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary*



**Tuesday December 8th  
7:30 am and 6:00 pm**

**East County Christmas 4 Kids  
Children's Book Drive.**



We need your gently used or new children's books for the kids this Christmas. We know that reading is the path to success. Developing an early love of reading requires books you want to read. At last year's event, children gathered around the book tables and adults helped them choose a book they got to keep, that fit their level of reading ability. It was wonderful to watch. For some Children this was the first book they have ever chosen and gotten to keep. Sadly, we ran out of books. We are planning for an increase in the number of children this year and I believe we will need about 3000 books. We are collecting books for children from toddler to middle school, first books to "chapter books".

**Please leave the books in the baptistry.**

If you are interested in volunteering to help give out books at the event on Sunday, December 13, please contact Vicky Cate for more information:

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
CHOIR 2015**

*It's time to lift our voices in song to  
celebrate Jesus' Birthday!*

All 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Young People



**Rehearsal begins this Saturdays December 5<sup>th</sup>,  
and continues on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**3:30-4:30PM.**

No preregistration.

**Orientation Meeting**

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 3-3:30PM**

**The Children's Choir will sing  
Thursday, December 24, at the 4PM Liturgy.**

*Las Madrinhas*

**Christmas Bake and Craft Sale**



**SUNDAY-DECEMBER 6TH**

after the 9:00 am Mass  
in the church hall.

**Bake your favorite Christmas**

Cookies-Pies-Cakes

**Make Your favorite Craft Item**

for this special event

**For More Info Call:**

Ann Murray

*All Proceeds to benefit Noah Homes  
and The Giving Tree*

**THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS**

will be celebrated

**SUNDAY-DECEMBER 6TH**

After the 9am and 11:30 Mass.



The Knights of Columbus presents

**Jolly Saint Nick**

who will have a gift for all children.

Children of all ages are invited  
to sit or stand by Santa and ask f  
or a Special Christmas Wish  
and for a picture with him.

A Tree Ornament will be given and  
plenty of Christmas Cookies.

☞ FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR ☜

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For additional calendar and event information.

www.thechurchofstluke.weconnect.com

☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☜

Month of November/December

Sat  
28th

First Sunday of Advent  
3:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

Sun  
29th

First Sunday of Advent  
8:25am Pro Life Rosary  
9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word  
No HS Confirmation Prep

No Scripture Club 4-5

No Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level I & II

11:30am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon  
30th

No Meetings

Tue  
1st

5:00pm Mass  
5:45 Taste of St. Luke Meeting

Wed  
2nd

7:30am Mass  
8:30am Centering Prayer  
No Catechesis of Good Shepherd 1 & 2  
5:30pm Emmaus

Thur  
3rd

7:30am Mass  
12pm SVD Meeting  
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Level 1 & 2

Fri  
4th

7:30am Mass  
8:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
5:00 pm Closing Benediction

NO Middle School Session

Sat  
5th

Second Sunday of Advent  
3:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass

Sun  
6th

Second Sunday of Advent  
8:25am Pro Life Rosary  
9:00am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:15am Saint Nicholas Visit & Las Madrinas

Bake Sale

10:15 am HS Confirmation Prep

10:15 am Scripture Club 4-5

10:30 am Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level I & II

11:30 am Mass w/Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mon  
7th

9:00 ECC for Kids wrapping

☞ PARISH DIRECTORY ☜

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Eucharistic Adoration: Cindy Christmas

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Knights of Columbus: Don Mercurio,G.K.

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Scrip: Kerri Holzer

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St. Luke Business Network: Cathy March

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mike Wasyliv

# The Giving Tree

Once Again, the faith community of St. Luke will be assisting families and orphans in need.

**This youth ministry service project runs from Saturday, November 28th through Sunday, December 13, 2015.**



You will find gift tags marked with specific items, such as, toys or clothing. These items were selected from the families' and children's Christmas wish lists.

***Please take a tag, wrap the item, attach the gift tag, and return it by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015.***

We are also accepting gift cards valued at \$10 or more from the following retailers:  
Albertsons \* CVS Pharmacy \* Marshalls \* Payless Shoes Ralph's/Food 4 Less \* Rite Aide  
\* Ross Dress for Less \* Smart and Final \* Target Stores \* Vons \* Walgreens \* Walmart

***(You may buy and/or order your gift cards from the STL Scrip Team)***

These retailers were selected because they are reasonably accessible for the families and some gift cards are used throughout the year to assist families in crisis.

You may place your pre-wrapped gifts under "The Giving Tree" located in the Baptistery. For security purposes, your gift donations will then be removed from under the tree and stored in a safe place. As an additional security measure, we ask that you place all gift cards, checks or cash designated for "The Giving Tree" in the regular weekend Mass collection baskets.

You may also drop off your pre-wrapped gifts, gift cards & other donations at our parish office.

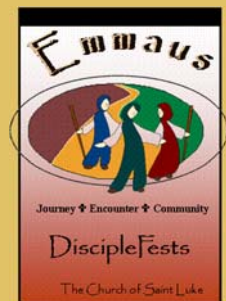
## Mark Your Calendar!

Our next journey occurs on **December 2, 2015**

**Reverence for Life**

**5:30 - 8 PM**

(Kitchen closes 6pm)



**We begin with a shared meal and then break out into smaller learning groups. Learning groups include pre-school through kindergarten, first-fifth grades, middle school, high school and adult sessions.**

### **Additional EMMAUS Dates:**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, January 6, 2016 5:30-8 PM**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, March 2, 2016 5:30-8:00 PM**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016 5:30-8 PM Wednesday, May 4, 2016 5:30-8PM**



*You are invited  
to come and pray a  
Rosary for Peace  
at the  
Church of St. Luke  
Saturday,  
December 12, 2015  
at 4:00 PM*

We will pray the Rosary on  
the second Saturday of each month

*Taste of Saint Luke  
International Cuisine*



**February 6, 2016.**

**Lookin for Volunteers**

Chairman for the dessert table.

Chairman for one more food table.

Volunteers and Cooks for Polish food table.

International food will include delicious; Italian,  
Chaldean, Korean and, American

Volunteers with many talents are needed to make  
this fund raiser a success.

**Organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
after the 5 p.m. Mass (5:45) in the class room next to  
the office.**

If you are interested in volunteering and cannot attend  
the meeting please call **Pat Riggs**



**St. LUKE OUTREACH  
MINISTRY  
NEWS for August, 2015**

**Donations (SENT):**

\$200.00 Noah Homes  
\$100.00 Holy Trinity Food Pantry  
\$50.00 Friends of the Poor  
\$50.00 Nativity Prep Academy  
\$50.00 East County Pregnancy Care Clinic  
\$9.90 Feeding America  
\$1,400.00 Needy People in Community  
**\$1,859.90 TOTAL**

**Donations (RECEIVED):**

\$105.00 Online Giving  
**\$105.00 TOTAL**  
(Thank you for your support.)

**Thank You Letters/Notes (RECEIVED):**

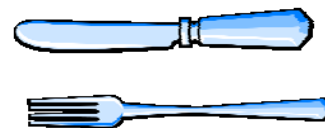
Lexington Elementary School for School Supplies donated

**St. Luke Assistance Programs:**

Delivered 1,144 lbs. of food to the VA hospital and  
Stand Down, and delivered 200 lbs. of school supplies to  
Lexington and Anza Elementary Schools.

**Save the New Date  
February 6th, 2016  
2nd Annual**

*Taste of Saint Luke  
International Cuisine*



Share: food, fun and Friendship.  
Something delicious to taste for everyone!

If you are interested in volunteering, hosting a  
table or want to help with this fun event please  
call: Pat Riggs



**Retirement Fund  
for Religious  
Collection**

**Dec 12 & 13, 2015**



*Share in the Care*

*Please give to those  
who have given a lifetime.*

Ninety-three percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious.

[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray...

Prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament  
*Adoration, Praise,  
Thanksgiving, Petition*



THE REAL PRESENCE:

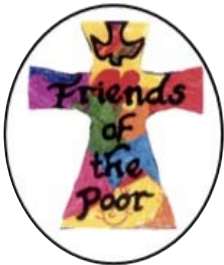
*Jesus' Gift to the Church*

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (John 6:56)

**Come meet Jesus at a "Happy Hour"  
of Eucharistic Adoration**

The first Friday of each month, beginning at 8 am, is set aside for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending, at 5 pm, with a *Closing Benediction and Prayer for Vocations*. Sign up to spend an hour in prayer with Jesus who is present on the altar in the Blessed Sacrament, or just come by. *Everyone is welcome!* This month Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday, December 4th**.

For additional information call  
**Cindy Christmas**



*Friends of the Poor*

**SOCK DRIVE**

Friends of the Poor is collecting **new socks**  
for the less fortunate people in Tijuana.

Socks are needed for

**All Ages and All Sizes!**

Place socks in bin in baptistery.

Call Martha Evans for more info:



".....YOUR SPARE CHANGE AND COINS APPRECIATED!

Did you know that your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters & all coins in our church Mass collections directly benefit our Church of St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Society---in helping the hungry, the poor and the needy in our parish, El Cajon Community and East County area. One of the compelling messages of Pope Francis is to "Go, meet the poor"...today, imagine, all the children who don't have something to eat is not news. This is serious.

We cannot stay calm! We cannot become starchpressed Christians, those Christians who...speak of theological issues over tea, calmly. No! We must become courageous Christians and go out in search of those who are the flesh of Christ...This is our poverty: the poverty of the flesh of Christ..."

Thank You & God Bless,  
Mike Wasyliv

SVdPaul Society Church of St. Luke



## East County Christmas for Kids:

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!

*WRAPPING !! WRAPPING !!*

We will be wrapping gifts for 2,800 registered children.



*We will start on Monday, December 7th at 4 p.m.  
and continue each day after at 9 am to 9 pm until we are finished!!*

We have had wonderful volunteers over the past three years looking forward another wonderful wrapping season.

**Questions call or text Michele Curl**



## East County Christmas for Kids

(an outreach program for the Church of Saint Luke)



*Dear Parish of Saint Luke:*

Children in your community need your help now more than ever as the economy continues to make putting a meal on the table or a Christmas gift under the tree even more difficult for local families. The "East County Christmas for Kids" is a non-profit outreach project sponsored by the Church of Saint Luke to provide Christmas gifts and non-perishable food to the families of 14 of the 20 schools in the Cajon Valley School District.

**December 13th from 10:00-1:00 at Cajon Valley Middle School.**

Cash Donations are needed to augment the donated toys, purchase wrapping supplies, additional books and stocking stuffers. Contact: Letty Reece

**To volunteer to help contact:**

**Gift Wrapping - 12/7-12/12 Michele Curl -**

**Admissions-Letty Reece -**

**Toy Give Away at Party -Michele Curl -**

**Set up -12/12 8AM to 3 or so - At Cajon Valley Middle School  
Bob Guarnotta -**

**Take Down - 12/13 3PM to finish  
Bob Guarnotta -**

## *Advent Penance Services*

<b>Saint Therese</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/2</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>St. John of The Cross</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/9</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>St. Luke</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>St. Pius X</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>St. Martin of Tours</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/14</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Dur Lady of Grace</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Santa Sophia</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/16</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/17</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Dur Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/21</b>	<b>9 am &amp; 7 pm</b>
<b>Guardian Angels</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>7 pm</b>

### *Altar Flower Intentions*



**Donate a Altar Flower  
Arrangement  
in celebration of or  
in remembrance  
of a loved one.**

*To schedule a donation, call the church office at least two weeks in advance of your chosen Sunday. Intentions will be posted in the bulletin. The cost of an arrangement is \$116.00. For more information call the office at 442-1697.*

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**  
at The Church of  
Saint Luke  
*Morning and Afternoon  
Shifts  
(or occasional substitute)  
are available.*

**Experience is required in  
the following tasks:**

Fundamental computer  
skills

- Phone skills
- Data Entry

**Please Call Business  
Manager:**

**Jim Crockett at  
619-442-1697, ext. 110**

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound



If you or a family member cannot come to Sunday Mass, a Minister of the Eucharist is available to bring Eucharist to you in your home, hospital or convalescent home. Just call the Church Office and your name will be forwarded to the ministry. One of our Ministers will call to set up a convenient time for a visit.  
619-442-1697

*Jesus said: "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he shall live forever." Jn 6:51*